



Bexar Wire

San Antonio Radio Club
W5SC



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Congratulations to ARRL Scholarship Winners



Sarah E. Keiser, AG5TJ
The Helen Laughlin AM Mode Memorial Scholarship

Sarah E. Keiser, AG5TJ, and Jonathan Z. Keiser, AG5SY, once again have been awarded scholarships from the ARRL Foundation.

The ARRL Foundation is pleased to present the students selected to receive scholarship



Jonathan Z. Keiser, AG5SY
The Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC) Scholarship

awards for 2021. Scholarships are made possible through the generosity of individuals and clubs. The ARRL Foundation Board of Directors offers these hams their best wishes

for continued success as they pursue their college degrees. The 2022 application period is expected to open on September 1, 2020. For more information, please visit www.arrl.org/scholarship-program.

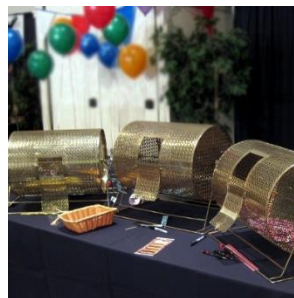
Blasts From The Past

Long time officer and member, Richard Elder, WB5ACN, found a few old Bexar Wire Newsletters from circa 1997.

Bill Craft, KD2HIQ – aka webmaster has scanned them and posted on the websites "Newsletter" page in case someone wanted a trip down nostalgia lane.

Meeting July 8, 2021 will be 7 PM at Blanco BBQ 13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216, (210) 251-2602 .

Fund-Raiser Drawing at September Meeting



The long-awaited fundraiser drawing is happening at the September meeting. Someone is going to be on the air with a new Yaesu Radio. Don't worry the Treasurer, Jeff Boyes, ND8B already has the radios from GigaParts, so the winner is not going to get a backorder story. Make sure to attend this meeting and participate in the festivities.

At the August Meeting

As noted above, the September meeting will feature the drawing for the club scholarship fundraiser. Who should be at the August meeting but the scholarship's namesake, Robert Rodriguez, K5AUW, himself.

President Rosendo Guzman, N5YBG handed out award certificates for Field Day participation. Shown with President Guzman are Lloyd Schwartz, KF5ZHW and Kay Laungkhouth, KI5PTU. There were more awardees, but your editor did not get photos of them.



Bob Rob, K5AUW



Lloyd KF5ZHW, Kay KI5PTU and Rosendo N5YBG

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PRESIDENT'S RADIOGRAM

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TO							

Hello Fellow Hams!

We will be participating JOTA and JOTI the largest Scouting event in the world at McGimsey Scout Park with the Alamo Area BSA on Saturday October 16th. So please join us at McGimsey Park and get some Boys and Girl scouts on the air. Come join us we need volunteer's to help out.
Good DX

Rosendo Guzman – N5YBG

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The due date for articles is the **Monday** before the first **Thursday** of the month

Meeting Minutes
7:00 p. m., August 12, 2021
Blanco BBQ, 13259 Blanco Rd., San Antonio, TX 78216

President called meeting to order at 7:01 pm

Introductions by President Rosendo Guzman N5YBG

Approval of Minutes of the Last Meeting

There being no changes, additions, or deletions to the proposed agenda, it is approved without objection by unanimous consent.

Robert “Bob” Rodriguez: Thanked the leadership and members of the club for naming the scholarship after him. Encouraged club members to foster knowledge and learning.

Officer Reports:

President

The primary purposes of the meeting are Scholarship Fund Raiser, JOTA, and Nominating Committee

Appointments

Newsletter Editor: Jimmie Neff WJ4M

Webmaster: Bill Craft KD2HIQ

Education and Training: David Finell N7LRY

Emergency Communications: Joe Bruno, W5AUQ

Executive: Harold Fleischer AE5AS (By Constitution)

Finance and Review: Paul Guido N5IUT

Field Day: Joe Bruno W5AUQ

JOTA: John Douglas W5NZK

Membership: Bill Craft KD2HIQ

Nominating: inactive; no appointments.

Radio Fiesta: Bill Craft, Jeff Boyes, Joe Bruno, and Rosendo Guzman

VEC: Pat Knight AD5BR

Centennial and Scholarship Committee: Tom O’Brien AB5XZ

Vice President Lloyd Swartz KF5ZHW – Bill Craft KD2HIQ presentation, “What is Electromagnetic Pulse (EMP) and Why Should We Care?”

Secretary – Jack Bannin N5JLB: Minutes from club meetings can be found at w5sc.org website, in the Newsletters section.

Treasurer – Jeff Boyes, ND8B: Provided summary of club’s financial status.

Newsletter Editor – Jimmie Neff: The June Bexar Wire newsletter was sent out on August 11th, 2021.

Old Business (Motions carried over from previous meetings): None

New Business (Must be presented as a motion): None

Announcements for The Good of Amateur Radio: Richard Elder will be demonstrating the use of a historic, military straight key.

Meeting Adjournment @ 8:19 PM



Volunteer Examiners at Work



This is the September 2021 Bexar Wire VE Team report.

We will have a VE session, with the regular \$15 exam session fee, on Saturday morning, September 25, 2021. It will be outside under a covered pavilion. Please contact hamtest@gmail.com for more information and to pre-register for the session. We will not have walk-ins, so pre-registration is required.

The FCC is NOT yet collecting the new \$35 Amateur license and upgrade fee. It is now expected to go into effect in 2022. The FCC should give us 90 days notice before it goes into effect. For more information, please see

<https://www.arrl.org/fcc-application-fee>

73,
Pat Knight AD5BR

210-273-5927 iPhone

What was Field Day like in 2003?

Long time officer and member, Richard Elder, WB5ACN, found a few pictures from back then. Notice it is nothing like FD 2021, it does give us some insight in to the history of the SARC tent. Someone apparently found a way to relax during the event.



Trading Post

Did you know we have a TRADING POST classified section on our website?

<https://w5sc.org/classifieds/> Yes, and it's FREE for members to use. Items are listed for 30 days by default, but can be extended by request to webmaster.

Does it work? Yes most have sold everything posted. However, remember your audience...Hams. So, will your car or boat sell here? Maybe not, but your antenna or tower will. Since we are not having Radio Fiesta in January, you can post and sell your stuff for FREE. Recommendations, add picture, manufacturer, model number in description and of course contact info and price.

Silent Key Committee (From web master, Bill Craft, KD2HIQ)

The web site now has a silent key page [<https://w5sc.org/silent-key/>] that provides information about thinking ahead and providing forms to document what you have.

SARC does not directly buy any SK equipment, we provide a service to help loved ones dispose of equipment. The service consists of information, consulting and possibly disposal of equipment by donation.

We encourage you to plan ahead and make those hard decisions ahead of time so those who are left don't end up dumping your equipment in the trash. Not everyone plans ahead, most of us try to ignore the fact that at some point our health may fail or we may be called to meet our maker.

The goal is to help fellow hams and their families deal with this in their time of need. They do not have to be members of SARC for us to help. We offer our services to the ham community to benefit other hams and their families.

The committee can be reached by emailing SilentKey@w5sc.org



SARC has had a Groups.io. Its name is saradioclub.

If you haven't signed up for group.io, you should. Groups.io is our primary email messaging method to all club members. It is FREE for all members.

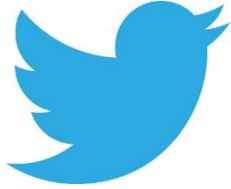
Several members have asked where are the notices, schedules and codes for Zoom meetings?

1. The groups.io calendar has a schedule of Zoom meetings and access codes.
2. The calendar can be accessed directly from the club web site <https://w5sc.org/events-calendar/> NOTE: it is the same groups.io calendar.

The saradioclub Group.io is being used to publicize SARC business meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes. Members of the saradioclub Group.io can and have asked each other technical questions or sought assistance.

The saradioclub Group.io is a closed group. To become a member, go to saradioclub.groups.io. (You may need to have a Groups.io account.) You will then need to select *Apply for membership in this group*. This generates a message. SARC members can expect approval to join the saradioclub Group.io in probably less than 24 hours.

SARC Tweets



Reminder: there are two active Twitter accounts for the San Antonio Radio Club. They are @SARadioClub and @ARadioFiesta.

The @SARadioClub is being used to publicize SARC meetings. It can be used for other things like promotion of VEC testing and classes.

When work again commences the @ARadioFiesta will be used.

SARC members are encouraged to follow both Twitter accounts.

SARC Facebook



There is a San Antonio Radio Club – SARC (@saradioclub) Facebook Page.

The newsletter editor is making posts about SARC meetings and other activities. Any Officer, Committee Chairperson, or member who believes that they have information that should be posted to this page should contact the newsletter editor using the contact information for the newsletter editor on page 2 of this newsletter.

SARC members are encouraged to follow this Facebook Page

SARC SLACK



There is a San Antonio Radio Club Slack team – w5sc.slack.com.

Slack teams are meant to foster communication between team members. Paul Guido, N5IUT, has established the w5sc.slack.com team for SARC. He has also established some channels. Think of the channels as topical areas.

To join send an email to Paul Guido, N5IUT, at radioteacher@gmail.com. In actuality, any team member already a part of the w5sc.slack.com can invite you, but Paul is known to be on it.

SARC has a website:

w5sc.org

Webmaster: Bill Craft KD2HIQ
Billc851@gmail.com
210-233-8863

Amateur Radio License Classes

For more information, contact:
David Finell, N7LRY
Instructor

SARC Meeting Dates for 2020

January 14, 2021
February 11, 2021
March 11, 2021
April 8, 2021
May 13, 2021
June 10, 2021
July 8, 2021
August 12, 2021
September 9, 2021
October 14, 2021
November 11, 2021
December – No meeting

Meetings are normally held at Blanco BBQ,
13259 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78216
at 7:00 p. m. Room is available at 6:00 p.
m. for supper

License Testing Dates for 2021

Due to Covid restrictions the normal testing site is not available. The VE Team will schedule tests as sites become available. Go to Hamtest@gmail.com if you want to schedule a test.

Times and locations along with required document information can be found on SARC's website.

SARC does all of its licensing testing as a part of ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) organization so all of the Volunteer Examiners in SARC are duly authorized Volunteer Examiners of ARRL's VEC.

Radio Fiesta 2022

January, 2022
Sadly Radio Fiesta 2021 was cancelled due to Covid-19. Be watching for news about Radio Fiesta 2022.

JOTA

We will be participating JOTA and JOTI the largest Scouting event in the world at McGimsey Scout Park with the Alamo Area BSA on Saturday October 16th Volunteers needed. Must take the Youth Protection course to participate (<https://www.scouting.org/training/youthprotection/>).

Emergency Communications

If you are interested in emergency communications, contact:
JC Smith N5RXS

Field Day 2022

FD 2021 was great, FD 2022 is coming sooner than you'd think!

Where SARC proves they are an eating group with a radio problem.